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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJECT: SITE SURVEY TEAM FOR SOVIET EXHIBIT

-- (SCIENTIFIC SIBERIA)

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1. SOVIET SITE SURVEY TEAM (POCHITALIN AND DUGLADZE) AND SOVIET EMBASSY CULTURAL COUNSELOR SAKOVICH VISITED DEPARTMENT (EUR/SOV) ON MARCH 6 TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF THEIR VISITS TO SIX CITIES INDICATED REFTEL (PARA 4). TEAM EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH RESULTS OF TRIP AND WITH SITES TENTATIVELY SELECTED IN EACH CITY. HOWEVER, ADMINISTRATION (GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY) OF PREFERRED SITE IN ATLANTA DECIDED, AFTER DEPARTURE OF SOVIETS FROM CITY, NOT TO SCHEDULE EXHIBIT BECAUSE IT WOULD TIE UP SITE FOR TOO LONG. DEPARTMENT IS SEEKING POTENTIAL SITES IN OTHER SOUTHERN CITIES (NEW ORLEANS, NASHVILLE, BIRMINGHAM) AS SUBSTITUTE FOR ATLANTA SITE. SAKOVICH WILL VISIT SITES NEXT WEEK.

2. SITES TENTATIVELY SELECTED BY SURVEY TEAM ARE SMITHSONIAN'S MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY IN WASHINGTON, UNCLASSIFIED

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MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND HISTORY IN FORT WORTH, SALT PALACE

IN SALT LAKE CITY, PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER IN SEATTLE,  
AND MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY IN CHICAGO. LETTERS

CONFIRMING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REGARDING DATES AND  
COSTS WILL BE SENT FROM MOSCOW TO EACH EXHIBIT SITE  
SELECTED. FINAL, DETAILED CONTRACTS WILL BE SIGNED BY  
EXHIBIT DIRECTOR LATER. POCHITALIN SAID COST PER  
EXHIBIT SITE VARIES FROM DOLLARS 25,000 TO DOLLARS 40, 000  
INCLUDING CHARGES FOR OFFICE SPACE, GUARDS, JANITORIAL  
SERVICE, ETC.

3. SURVEY TEAM CONTACTED DESIGN AND PRODUCTION, INC.,  
REGARDING MOUNTING AND DISMANTLING EXHIBIT, AND  
MERCHANTS INTERNATIONAL REGARDING TRANSPORTATION OF  
EXHIBIT. CONTRACTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SIGNED, HOWEVER.  
NO PUBLICITY FIRM WAS CONTACTED BECAUSE SURVEY TEAM IS  
NOT YET CERTAIN OF SIZE OR FIRMNESS OF EXHIBIT BUDGET.

4. POCHITALIN CONFIRMED THAT USSR INTENDS TO HAVE NATION-  
AL EXHIBIT (REFTEL, PARA 6) IN US IN 1977, BUT HE GAVE  
US NO DETAILS ABOUT IT EXCEPT TO SAY IT WOULD NOT BE  
TRADE EXHIBIT. SAKOVICH SAID AGAIN THAT SOVIET EMBASSY  
HAD NOT HEARD OF PLANS FOR SUCH AN EXHIBIT. INGERSOLL

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